



## Travis County Emergency Management

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### **Governor requests Presidential disaster declaration**

Governor Rick Perry is requesting a presidential disaster declaration for counties that are working to recover from the Halloween floods, including Travis County. To view the proclamation, go to: <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/19168/>. The Governor's declaration is a step toward obtaining federal assistance to support flood recovery efforts.

Specific requests from the Governor include:

- Individual assistance, including the Individual and Households Program, Other Needs Assistance, disaster unemployment assistance, disaster legal assistance, disaster case management and crisis counseling.
- Public assistance (all categories).
- Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Last month, the Small Business Administration granted the governor's request to provide disaster assistance to flood victims, so that homeowners, renters and businesses in 11 Central Texas counties could apply for long-term, low-interest disaster loans. See more information at: <http://www.sba.gov/node/766011>.

In Travis County, flood damage is estimated at more than \$100 million.

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